GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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PENDING CASES IN DELHI HIGH COURT
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in Delhi High Court during the year 1988-2000, year wise and category-wise ;

(b) the number of cases that has been disposed of and pending as on 31.3.2006; and

(c) the steps taken during these years to dispose of the pending cases which are pending for the last ten years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) As per information furnished by Delhi High Court, the number of cases filed in Delhi High Court during the year 1988-2000 is as under:-

(c) The High Court of Delhi has taken the following steps to dispose of the pending cases which are pending for the last ten years:

Years	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Institution	41695	57611	47496	51463	53722	55844	53981
Years	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	
Institution	54362	57812	54511	71477	70874	72090	

Category wise figures are not available

1. Hon`ble the Chief Justice has created a special Cell called `Judicial Management and Legal Research Cell.The Cell is manned by one Joint Registrar and two Deputy Registrars.These senior officers are exclusively dealing with grouping of cases involving same and similar questions of law and also find out whether any matter is covered by decisions of Supreme Court or this High Gourt. The cases are accordingly grouped and listed as covered matters, this helped in disposal of such matters expeditiously.

2. In order to reduce arrears, Rules have been amended w.e.f.January 1,1996 providing for preliminary hearing of large number of categories of Civil Writs before the Single Benches instead of Division benches, service of advance copy of the writ petition to nominated/standing counsel of various Government Department and Public Sector Undertakings.This has substantially curtailed adjournments of cases and helps, at times, in disposing of the matters within a few hearings.

3.Further to expediate the disposal of old cases Hon`ble the Chief Justice has fixed every `Thursday` as an `OLD MATTERS DAY`. On this day, all Benches are exclusively hearing old matters.

4. Lok Adalats are being held in Delhi High Court from time to time for quick and expeditious disposal of old matters.

5. Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Center has been set up in this court to reduce the pendency of old matters.

6.Criminal matters including short sentences and other similar matters which demand immediate hearing are disposed of with all promptness.

7. Criminal matters in which accused/appellant are in jail are being listed at the top of the list for speedy disposal.

8. Criminal matters involving petty offences are disposed of expeditiously by reganizing Lok Adalats.